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In re application of:

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ALFA INDUCTION HCV COMBINATION
THERAPY

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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

This is in response to the Official Action dated April 21, 2003, finally rejecting all the claims in this application.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the grounds of rejection are respectfully requested.

A Petition and Fee for a One Month Extension of Time, a Notice of Appeal, a Response Transmittal Sheet, a Fee Transmittal Sheet (in duplicate), two previously submitted Terminal Disclaimers, provided as a convenience and a return Post Card accompany this Response.

CLAIMS REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 38-52 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Albrecht (U.S. 6,172,646B1) or Albrecht (U.S. 6,472,373) in the alternative.